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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 240X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption - in Gaston County, NC –
Request for Extension of Consummation Date Deadline

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby requests that the Board grant NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate abandonment of the 5-mile rail line that was the subject of the captioned proceeding. The line extends between milepost HG-47.00 at Gastonia, NC and milepost HG-52.00 at Dallas (Gebo), NC in Gaston County, NC.

The last such extension was to August 31, 2007 pursuant to the Board's decision served February 18, 2007. NSR has satisfied the conditions of the STB's order served December 9, 2003. However, salvage activities are ongoing and because some of the property is not owned in fee, NSR believes it should not consummate the abandonment until the work on the line has been completed. Under these circumstances, NSR requests that the Board grant to NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate the abandonment in the proceeding to February 29, 2008.

Yours very truly,

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